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Dear Captain Pfeiffer,

While I do not attribute other than good faith to you in your letter stamp dated 20 May 1977, here today, I do tell you it shocks me.

This litigation did not end when your records indicate. There was a subsequent suit. The Navy was part of it, beginning with a 1962 conference at the Pentagon arranged under the auspices of the Secretary of Defense. Navy and Marine operational and JAG officers were then present.

Long before this destruction of records a complaint was filed in federal district court in Baltimore. There were also interrogatories and discovery to be responded to.

Let these records were destroyed? Can you imagine the harm to my wife and me?

However, you refer to that first suit only. The time for destruction of records that are relevant in the second suit under the Army procedures has not yet come. I therefore would appreciate it if you would be particularly diligent in meeting this request as it relates to the period subsequent to that covered by the first suit.

My records are with my lawyer in Washington, Mr. Jim Lesar, so I cannot give you the number of this second suit. Mr. Lesar's phones are 223-5587 and 484-6023. I think it may be that the Civil Division of the Department of Justice can be of help to you in this because it has recently provided my wife with some relevant records.

There may also be other relevant records with or about the White House helicopter detail. I recall one officer conspicuous for his compassion and understanding, Major Doster, if this can lead you to records.

There were Navy records that were to have been compiled and delivered under discovery in the second suit. If you can locate them I would like copies, please.

If I do not doubt your genuineness in this I am astounded that you have been provided with not even an indication that there was a second suit, especially when years remain before the destruction time under the Army standards. That suit ended in either 1974 or 1975.

What ~~xxxxxx~~ you have sent does persuade me that you, personally, exercised due diligence in this matter and for that I do thank you. However, I believe it should be apparent that those on whom you depended were less than diligent. I therefore hope that in seeking the still existing records for us you will see to it that a real search is made for them.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg